



EEOICPA Update

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Physician Panel Process

- OWA Physician Panels review Subtitle D cases and make determinations as to whether claimed condition is work-related.
- DOE contractor and subcontractor employees may request a Physician Panel review for any illness that may be related to a toxic exposure at a DOE facility.
- Panels determine whether the claimed illnesses were as likely as not caused, contributed to, or exacerbated by a toxic exposure at a DOE facility.
- OWA has received over 3,300 cases from Oak Ridge sites (K-25, Y-12, ORNL), approximately 20% of entire OWA caseload.

EEOICPA Subtitle D Operations

Worker with any illness caused by exposure to toxic substance

DOE Receives Claim

- Claims contain wide variety of material from claimant

DOE Reviews Claim

DOE forwards claim to DOE Contractor for employment and health records

- May be multiple employers, sites
- Some records up to 50 years old
- Subcontractor records hard to find

Contractor completes record collection and forwards to DOE

- Prepare complete case for worker

- Record of employment, relevant occ. History, medical records in DOE possession, medical information provided by claimant.
- Claimant allowed to review material before sent to physician panel.

DOE prepares cases and sends to Physicians Panel

Physicians Panel Reviews Claim and returns to DOE

- Physician panel has 30 days to review.

Ineligible - Claim returned to Worker

Claim returned to Worker with negative determination

Claim returned to Worker with positive determination

Claimant Files for Benefits

Will vary by State:

- Wages Lost to Illness
- Medical Costs of Illness

The numbers today
(6/10/03)

17,648

10,710

4,898

511

97

38

9

29



Subtitle D Cases from Oak Ridge

• Total Cases at OWA	3,346
• Total Cases Worked to Date	1,455
• Total Cases to be Worked	1,891
• Number Waiting for Data from applicants/employers	1,289
• Cases being prepared for OWA Physician Review	78
• Cases awaiting applicant approval to proceed	18
• Cases at Physicians Panel	3
• Cases Completed Physician panel review to date	2
• Ineligible cases	50
• Closed cases/application withdrawn	4



Subtitle B Cases from Oak Ridge from DOL Website, 5/14/03

• Claims Filed	6570
• Recommended Decision	
– Approved	1587
– Denied	1801
• Final Decision	
– Approved	1495
– Denied	1362
• Compensation Paid	
– Claims	1283
– Total Dollars	\$150,147,543.00
• Referred To NIOSH	2755



DOE/OWA Activities in Tennessee

- Processing Subtitle D applications
- Conducting Aggressive Outreach through DOE/DOL Resource Center
- Conducting meetings with site records managers to facilitate records production
- Assisting DOL and NIOSH in obtaining employment verification and exposure records, respectively
- Coordinating with Former Worker Medical Screening Programs to share employee exposure and medical records.
- Analyzing EPA reports, developing site profiles to determine chemical exposures



Site Anecdotes

- DOE ORO and OR contractors have geared up to assist NIOSH and its contractors (led by ORAU) in assembling complete site radiation profiles and answering final questions before batch processing of NIOSH cases.
- NIOSH is extremely pleased with the cooperation from DOE and OR. They are ahead of schedule and anticipate completing work on K-25 and Y-12 in the next 4-6 months or less. This will expedite many NIOSH cases pending for OR.
- OR contractors are ramping up for a major commitment of resources to expedite delivery of personnel, medical, exposure, and industrial hygiene data for Subtitle D cases. They are assembling chemical exposure profiles by building and job description. DOE OWA Headquarters and DOE ORO staff are meeting on site with all key OR contractors for handling many more document requests.



Overall Accomplishments

- Issued revised OWA procedures manual
- Field Offices committed to goal of 100+ returned record searches per week
- Traveling Resource Centers (jointly with DOL)
 - Clearwater, Florida (former DOE Pinellas plant)
 - New Kensington, Pennsylvania (AWEs)
 - East Bay, California (DOE Labs and AWEs)
- Website Redesign being beta tested
 - Launch by June 30th
- Records production for DOL and NIOSH
 - Steadily improving performance
- Case production to Physician Panels improving